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Editor's Trial Strike

Having pulled off a spectacular banquet and issued a well-received medal with hardly a hitch, the club is certainly entitled to feel a wee bit of self-satisfaction. It was indeed wonderful to see the teamwork and high level of commitment to the club that so many members exhibited. Without these, the activities would not have gone nearly as well, and a few members would have been burdened with most of the work.

I think the talents and commitment demonstrated during our anniversary bodes well for our club's future. With members like we have, we should be able to successfully face the coming years' challenges, whether they be putting together an interesting club meeting, issuing odder-and-curiouser money souvenirs, or hosting the 1999 ANA Convention.

April Meeting Minutes

The 903rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Drew Michyeta April 16 at 1:05 p.m. The meeting was conducted at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel, in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair. Fifty-six members and guests were in attendance. A motion was approved to dispense with regular business. Brian Stubbs read guest cards. Guests were David Cohanin, Stanley Jachimczak, Lester Miller, Louis Strbac, Carl Marcoff, Roger Mitchels, Craig Reider, Arlyn Sieber, Douglas Rosenberg, Jane Romano, William Spengler, Lawrence Adams, Bob Leuver,



Eros Szegho, Charles Gibbs, Marcia Zitowsky, David Harper, Christopher Batio, Richard Giedroyc, Clifford Mishler, Kermit Wasmer, Sonny Henry, Rita Miller, Isy Miller, Sheila A. O'Laughlin, Jean H. Swanson, Paul Johnson, and Bruce Bartelt.

Steven Zitowsky introduced Stuart Sears, who spoke on the topic, "Chaos or Confusion: A Look at Early Muslin Coinage." Steven Zitowsky presented the speaker's medal to Mr. Sears.

Andrew Michyeta introduced Robert Leonard, Jr., who spoke about the history of bark cloth money. He authored the write-up that went with our bark cloth money give-away.

Carl Wolf presented the #1 piece of the bark cloth money to Joe Tomasko (club archivist) for entry into the CCC archives. Mr. Wolf presented Robert Leonard with #2, and Steven Zitowsky (who helped research the history) with #3. Everyone else in attendance also received a piece of the money.

There was a first membership application reading for Mrs. Rita Miller from Capetown, South Africa.

President Michyeta talked about the 75th anniversary banquet to be held 6:30 in the Sheraton, to be preceded with a cash bar reception at 5:00.

A motion was introduced and passed to recess the meeting until 6:30.

Banquet

Andrew Michyeta reopened the meeting and welcomed the guests and members at 6:35 p.m. Banquet registration was 93, although only 73 signed in. Mr. Michyeta gave reference to his first

Our 904th Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 1994

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 2 North Riverside Plaza, Chicago (a building connected to Northwestern Station)

PROGRAM: Ed Turner: *Dealing with the Former Soviet Union for Numismatics*

This is a chance to exhibit your Russian and related numismatic items!

Officers

Our officers are Andrew Michyeta III, president; Steven Zitowsky, first vice president; and Mark Wieclaw, second vice president. Directors are Richard Hamilton, Charles Ricard, Robert Weinstein, Jr., and Robert Leonard, Jr.

Other positions are held by Brian Stubbs (secretary/ treasurer), David Simpson (*Chatter* editor), Joe Tomasko (archivist), and Carl Wolf (75th anniversary committee chair).

introduction to organized numismatics, when he met Carl Wolf and Florence Shook at a CICF meeting. Mr. Michyeta stressed that he would like to use the club video as a tool for kids to foster numismatics. (As of this date the video is not finished).

Richard Hamilton delivered the invocation. Clifford Mishler of Krause Publications presented the banquet toast. Carl Wolf, at various points in the banquet, introduced the anniversary committee, club officers, former CCC presidents and Medal of Merit recipients, and visiting officials.

Vice President Steven Zitowsky introduced David Ganz, ANA president, who spoke on U.S. policy and the issuance of commemorative coins by the U.S. Mint. He stressed that Congress often issues legislation based on a few letters from interest groups. He felt that Congress has no business determining what should be minted. In fact, Congress should only be allowed to produce two pieces a year unless authorized by the Citizens Advisory Committee. At the conclusion of the address, Steven Zitowsky presented the speaker's medal to Mr. Ganz.

Secretary/Treasurer Brian Stubbs read a letter from the New York Numismatic Club and talked about several proclamations. Proclamations have been issued by The White House (signed by President Clinton), the State of Illinois (signed by Governor Edgar and Secretary of State Ryan), and the Chicago Mayor's office (signed by Mayor Daley).

David Simpson said a few words about "The Discoverers" medal, and Andrew Michyeta presented the Discoverers medal to David Ganz to include in the ANA Museum. Other medals will go to the American Numismatic Society, the Art Institute, the Chicago Historical Society, and the Cowboy Hall of Fame (which has a section on James Earle Fraser, whose sculpture is depicted on the medal).

Andrew Michyeta thanked the Benefactors, Patrons, and Contributors, Krause Publications for the hors d'oeuvres and table wine, Mark Wieclaw for his photography, Bob Weinstein and Mark Jacobson for videotaping that day, and Jack Nixon for displaying his striking artwork. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Secretary Treasurer

Missing Patrons Found!



In any big event, there are bound to be a few slip ups. One of these at the anniversary celebration was the omission of John and Nancy Wilson's names from the banquet program. They should have been listed as Patrons. Needless to say, the omission was unintentional, and the club apologizes.

Birthdays and Years Joined

June 11	Joseph Piekarczyk	Since 1991
June 12	Rosalind Ryant	Since 1977
June 27	James Simek	Since 1973

Missed your birthday? I apologize. I will have a current list of birthdays one of these days.

Medals Prove to Be Winners

Club members responded positively when they received their bronze plaquettes (or medals) of "The Discoverers" on April 16. Reception was also very positive from non-members; the 25 medals that were not pre-ordered were gone within the first hour of their appearance at the show. This is certainly a case where we would have had no difficulty selling additional medals. Final mintage of the bronze is 165; there was also one gold minted.

Mintage on the sterling silver versions will be 36. Because the mint was unable to get planchets in time, the medals were not available for pickup April 16. They will be struck and delivered shortly.

The New York Numismatic Club

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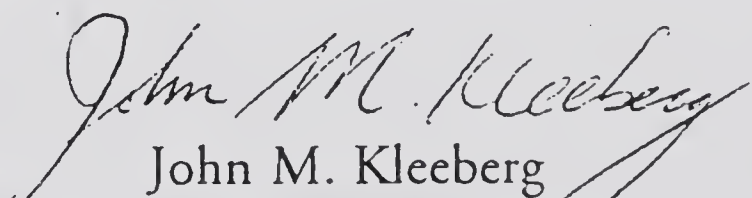
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April 7, 1994

To the Chicago Coin Club:

On February 14, 1994, the Chicago Coin Club became 75 years old. The New York Numismatic Club and the Chicago Coin Club have had many distinguished members in common - Virgil Michael Brand is among the most famous - and they continue to do so today. We in New York admire the Chicago Coin Club not only for its longevity, but for its high standards of numismatic scholarship and good fellowship. I know that my fellow members in the New York club join me in wishing the Chicago Coin Club many happy returns of the day, and we hope there will be many more such anniversaries in the future.

With best wishes,


John M. Kleeberg
Vice-President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1994

I am delighted to honor the Chicago Coin Club as you celebrate your seventy-fifth anniversary.

One of the most rewarding of human experiences is the coming together of people to share common experiences and interests. For seventy-five years, the Chicago Coin Club has maintained and built upon the wonderful legacy of your founders. The strength of your organization today is a testament to the vision of your founders and to your commitment to your shared goals.

I congratulate you on your achievement, and I extend best wishes for many years of continuing success.

Bill Clinton



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on April 16, 1994, the Chicago Coin Club, in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair, is hosting a dinner to celebrate its 75th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the milestone banquet will bring together the Chicago Coin Club's past presidents, and American Numismatic Association President David Ganz is serving as the evening's speaker; and

WHEREAS, in honor of its 75th anniversary, the Chicago Coin Club is issuing a commemorative medal featuring a reduced replica of "The Discoverers," a prominent Chicago sculpture by James Earl Fraser, the designer of the Indian head or Buffalo nickel; and

WHEREAS, "The Discoverers," completed in 1928 and located on the northeast pylon of the Michigan Avenue bridge over the Chicago River, symbolizes the pioneering spirit that is so typical of Chicagoans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M. DALEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim April 16, 1994, to be CHICAGO COIN CLUB 75TH ANNIVERSARY DAY IN CHICAGO, and honor the members of the Chicago Coin Club for their longtime commitment to Chicago.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1994.

Mayor

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Chicago Coin Club will celebrate its 75th anniversary year with a banquet April 16, 1994, in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair; and

WHEREAS, the President of the American Numismatic Association, David Ganz, will speak an expected attendance of more than 100 guests; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Coin Club will continue tradition of Lee Hewitt's Numismatic Scrapbook with a video version of the scrapbook; and

WHEREAS, a commemorative anniversary medal in replica of "The Discoverers" sculpture by James Earl Fraser will be issued in bronze, sterling silver, and 10 karat gold. Fraser is a well-known Chicago sculptor whose work "The Discoverers" and "The Pioneers" appear on the Michigan Avenue bridge and is also the designer of the Indian Head nickel;

THEREFORE, I, Jim Edgar, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim April 16, 1994, as CHICAGO COIN CLUB DAY in Illinois in honor and recognition of their 75th anniversary as a numismatic organization.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this TWELFTH *day of* APRIL *in the*
Year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred
and NINETY-FOUR *and of the State of*
Illinois the one hundred and SEVENTY-SIXTH



George H. Ryan

SECRETARY OF STATE

Jim Edgar

GOVERNOR